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City of Framingham Celebrates Pride Month

Framingham, MA – June 1 marks the first day of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Pride Month to honor the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan. Framingham's celebrations include:

- 1. **Tuesday, June 1:** Framingham will raise the traditional rainbow Pride flag as it has done for the past two years. There will be no official ceremony at this time.
- 2. **Month of June:** The City will light the Memorial Building (150 Concord Street, Framingham, MA 01702) in the Progress Pride flag colors in rotation. The Progress Pride flag retains the standard six-stripe rainbow design as its base and adds black and brown to recognize marginalized people of color, as well as light blue, pink, and white chevron, which are used on the Transgender Pride flag. Due to technical and safety reasons, the building cannot be lit in black and brown. Below is a list of what each light color represents.
 - Purple Spirit
 - Red Life
 - Orange Healing
 - Yellow-Sunlight
 - Green Nature
 - Blue Peace
 - White, Pink, and Light Blue Transgender Flag
- 3. **Sunday, June 13 at 1 p.m.:** The City will host a Progress Pride ceremony on the plaza in front of the Memorial Building. At the ceremony, the City will lower the traditional Pride flag and raise the new Progress Pride flag in solidarity of inclusivity and with broader representation for the first time. As well, the City will share Progress Peace flags, t-shirts, and other swag. Following remarks from City and School officials, a representative from Framingham's religious community, and students, a year-long Progress Pride community project will be announced.